



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 6261

MAR 03 2003

GRASS et al.

Art Unit: 1631

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Application No.: 09/786,362

Examiner: Smith, Carolyn L.

#7  
Plunkett  
3/3/03

Filed: June 25, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 109904-00028

For: METHOD FOR SCREENING AND PRODUCING COMPOUND LIBRARIES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of screening a compound library (Group I). Applicants also elect Specie A (gastrointestinal tract). Applicants agree that claims 1-17 are generic to Species A-F.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims. This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any

fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account  
No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 109904-00028.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Rustan J. Hill  
Registration No. 37,351

Customer No. 004372  
AREN'T FOX KINTNER PLOTKIN & KAHN, PLLC  
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 400  
Washington, D.C. 20036-5339  
Tel: (202) 857-6000  
Fax: (202) 638-4810  
RJH:elp  
164439\_1.DOC